



Senator Steen Miles

Senate District 43



Steen Miles is Senator for Georgia's 43rd District, covering Southeast DeKalb and Rockdale Counties. She is also host of the award-winning cable television show Faith and the City Forum, a discussion of current events and public policy from a faith-based perspective with guests from diverse religious backgrounds.

Prior to her election in 2004, Steen served three years as Chief Media Relations Officer and spokesperson for MARTA. She is perhaps best known as a long-time reporter for Atlanta's WXIA-TV (Channel 11) from which she retired in 1999 after 15 years as Managing Editor and a reporter/anchor. Also in Atlanta, Senator Miles was Georgia Broadcast Editor for United Press International before joining WXIA-TV.

Senator Miles is the recipient of three Emmys and dozens of other journalism and civic awards for community service. The Indiana native holds the distinction of being the first African American woman on television in South Bend, her hometown. She has been invited to the White House twice and was chosen among a select group of Georgians to witness South African President Nelson Mandela receive the nation's gold Congressional Medal of Honor.

Senator Miles has held leadership positions and served in numerous community organizations including PTA's, and business and civic organizations. She is a two-term President and founding member of the Stone Mountain Chapter of Jack and Jill of America and was a charter member of the 100 Black Women of DeKalb County. Senator Miles is a requested speaker at scores of churches, school honors and career days, business diversity days and baccalaureates. She has performed dozens of seminars on media relations and crisis communications around the country.

Senator Miles is a 2002 graduate of Leadership DeKalb and currently serves on its board. She is one of 25 select members of the first class of the University of Georgia's

Legislative Leadership Institute and has also been selected for the 2005 class of the Regional Leadership Institute. She sits on the following Senate committees: Banking and Finance, Public Safety and Homeland Security, State Institutions and Property and Special Judiciary. She is also a member of MARTOC, the committee that oversees MARTA and a member of the state Commission on Domestic Violence.

In addition to her Senate committees, Senator Miles is a member of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and the Legislative Women's Caucus. She was recently named to a blue ribbon panel on the arts in Rockdale County. Senator Miles is a minister at the Greenforest Baptist Church in DeKalb County where she teaches 5th grade Sunday school. Senator Miles attended Ball State University and is the mother of two adult daughters and has two grandchildren.

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